

POST-DISCHARGE PLASMA STERILISATION DEVICE AND METHOD

Abstract

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The invention relates to a device which is used for the sterilisation of objects (19), in particular medical or surgical instruments. The inventive device is of the type that can create a gaseous plasma from a gas flow which is subjected to an electric field. According to the invention, the resulting post-
10 discharge flow is brought into contact with the surface of the objects to be treated. The device is characterized in that the gas flow comprises exclusively nitrogen. Moreover, the device comprise means for heating the aforementioned objects, which can heat said objects to a temperature of at least 60°C during treatment. The invention also relates to a method of using the device.

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